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SUBJECT: SOMALI VP' S VISIT TO UGANDA AND TANZANIA

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1. THERE CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION AMONG SOMALI CIVIL SERVANTS THAT VICE PRESIDENT ISMAIL ALI ABUKAR' S RECENT VISIT TO UGANDA AND TANZANIA PROMPTED PRIMARILY BY INCREASING TENSIONS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA AND ONLY SECONDARILY BY UGANDA- TANZANIA PROBLEMS.

2. WHILE THERE NO DIRECT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS SPECULATION, ACCOUNT OF COL. ISMAIL' S TRIP IN MARCH 7 EDITION OF GOVERNMENT DAILY XIDDIGTA OKTOBAR IMPLIES THAT UGANDA- TANZANIA RELATIONS NOT RPT NOT PRINCIPAL OBJECT OF VISIT. ARTICLE STATES THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO STRENGTHEN SOMALIA' S RELATIONS WITH UGANDA AND TANZANIA AND TO DISCUSS EFFORTS OF IMPERIALISTS TO DESTROY AFRICAN UNITY. (BOTH SAID AND FONSEC OMAR ARTEH HAVE RECENTLY ACCUSED " IMPERIALISTS" OF ENCOURAGING DISCORD BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ITS NEIGHBORS). ONLY TOWARDS END OF ARTICLE IS STATEMENT MADE THAT VISIT " ALSO" RELATED TO STRENGTHENING PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN UGANDA AND TANZANIA.
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3. IN MAJOR SPEECH MARCH 7 (REFTTEL B) SIAD FOR FIRST TIME STATED
THAT OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES SHOULD MEDIATE IF SOMALIA AND ITS
NEIGHBORS UNABLE REACH PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.
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